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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON EU COMMON POSITION ON CUBA: TURKEY

REF: A. STATE 262206

[1](#)B. HAVANA 16097

(U) Classified by Political Counselor John Kunstadter, E.O. 12958, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) We delivered ref A demarche on December 15 to MFA Americas Department Head Onder. We emphasized ref B points that released dissidents attribute their release to international pressure, not the Spanish, and that dissidents oppose Spanish proposals to not invite them to national day receptions.

[1](#)2. (C) Onder declined to predict the GOT response; he said the government is currently focused on the results of the December 17 EU Summit and will only formulate a response thereafter.

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